Approved For Release 2001/03/17: CIA-RDP82-00457R0003026X0AQ4-4 Document No. NO CHANGE in Class. ☐ DECLASSIFIED Class. CHAIRLED TO: SECRET DDA Mono, 4 Apr 77 Auth: DDA Edu. 77/1763 Date: 23 March 1978 By: 027 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP INTELLIGENCE REPORT 25X1A DATE: Germany/Russian Zone COUNTRY INFO. Present Position of the SED DIST. 17 February 1947 Subject PAGES 25X1A6a SUPPLEMENT 25X1X6 ORIGIN woled betankers as It is reported that there are three main groups in the SED Executive Committee. One group centers around Wilhelm Fieck and retains the cold doctrinary Communists and old emigres but admits that emphasis must now be laid on the national character of German Communism. A second group, under Otto Grotewohl, opposes the first. They claim second group, under Otto Grotewohl, opposes the first. They urge there is too much KFD influence in SED publications. They urge that the SED must be German and occidental, use "refined methods, and gain the support of western intellectuals. The third group, under Max Fechner, stands for coalition with the SPD. Their program calls for loyal support of the SPD in Berlin: thus, they hope to gain the 25X1X6 for loyal support of the SPD in Berlin; thus, they hope to gain the help of the United States and the British and to radicalize the SPD at the same time. Fechner says this course is the only means for the SED to win cut in the West. 25X1X6 It is reported that the SED Executive Committee sent a resolution to Stalin announcing that the SED must withdraw is support of Russian policy if deportations, dismantlings, etc. do not cease. 25X1X6 In Berlin the SED intends to show that it can gain benefits for the working class that the SFD and Magistrat cannot provide. It will also adopt a policy of criticism of conditions in the western sectors, s.g., the numerous night clubs frequented by black marketeers. Behind this policy is a tendency for the old KPD element in the SED to defect from the united party. It is reported that the KPD may possibly even be resurrected in Berlin. 25X1A6a Comment: Rumors are current in Berlin that the SED will split into its KPD and SPD elements and that the SPD will be licensed in the Russian Zone. 25X1X6 In an SED meeting in Quedlinburg, Gniffke, of the Executive Committee, was hooted down as he attempted to justify the dismantling. In a meeting in Halberstadt Wilhelm Pieck was booed down. Pieck summed up: "Lately everything we have tried has gone wrong. We have no luck since the merger. What did we get out of it? A black marketeer (Gniffke) and a Neukölln grocer (Fechner)." 25X1X6 An SED leader remarked, after a conference with Pieck and Grotewohl, 25X1A9a 25X1A9a CLASSIFICATION SEX OTR SPDF FBT X A DEP. ADSO DEP SPDS FRV FBK DADSO CFCB SPDT FBX FBL EXEC CIA-RDP82-00457R000800610001-4 CONTROL PORTE LA 200 1003

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that the SED would suffer an unparalleled defeat if the zonal boundaries should drop and the SFD be permitted in the Russian Zone.

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